This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method in a computing system for providing a user interaction scheme comprising:

    minimizing an application upon receiving a minimize command; and

    revealing a tile in a sidebar to represent the minimized application in response to the minimize command, the sidebar configured to display a plurality of tiles corresponding to a plurality of applications, wherein revealing the tile includes displaying one or more interactive application features of the minimized application in the tile.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more interactive application features include a sub-set of the original application features.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more interactive application features include all of the original application features.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing, in the tile, access to additional features not available in the application.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising hiding an application window upon receiving the minimize command.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising hiding a taskbar application button associated with the application upon receiving the minimize command.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising hiding an alt-tab entry associated with the application upon receiving the minimize command.

8.   (Cancelled).

9.   (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing access to the sub-set of application features through a fly-out menu accessible through the tile.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing the user with a restore button accessible through the tile to allow the user to maximize the application.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing an available features selection module for allowing selection of the one or more interactive features available through the tile.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising allowing a user to determine a size of the tile.

13.   (Previously Presented) A computer storage medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

14.   (Previously Presented) A method in a computing system for providing a user interaction scheme through the use of a sidebar, comprising:

        moving an application to the sidebar upon receipt of a user command to minimize the application; and

        displaying, without user interaction other than the user command, at least a sub-set of interactive features belonging to the application in the minimized application in the sidebar.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising providing access to additional features not available in the application.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising inserting a tile in the sidebar for providing access to the application.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising hiding an application window upon receiving the minimize command.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising hiding a taskbar application button associated with the application upon receiving the minimize command.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising hiding an alt-tab entry associated with the application upon receiving the minimize command.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising providing access to the sub-set of application features through a fly-out menu accessible through the tile.

21. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising providing the user with a restore button accessible through the tile to allow the user to maximize the application.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising providing an available features selection module for allowing selection of the at least a sub-set of interactive features available through the tile.

23. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising allowing the user to determine a size of the tile.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer storage medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 12.

25. (Previously Presented) A system for providing user access to a variety of informational items, the system comprising:

a processor for generating a sidebar displaying a plurality of tiles;

at least one application including an insertion module for inserting a tile into the sidebar, wherein one or more selected interactive features of the application are displayed in the tile when the application is represented by the tile in the sidebar; and

user interface tools for allowing a user to command placement of a selected application into the sidebar.

26.   (Original) The system of claim 25, further comprising a restoration module for restoring the application through the use of the tile.

27.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising an available features selection module for selecting the one or more selected interactive application features for display in and accessibility through the tile.

28.   (Original) The system of claim 25, further comprising special controls for allowing removal of the application from the sidebar.

29.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising sidebar controls for hiding a taskbar application button associated with the application, an alt-tab entry associated with the application, and an application window associated with the application upon receiving the minimize command.

30.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising a fly-out menu for providing access to the selected one or more interactive application features displayed in the tile.

31.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing access to a minimized application through a user interface, the system comprising:

         a processor;

         an available feature selection module for allowing an application to provide one or more selected interactive features of the application including at least a sub-set of a full feature set upon minimization of the application; and

         a tile insertion module for revealing a tile corresponding to the application upon minimization and for displaying the one or more selected interactive features in the tile in response to minimization.

32.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the tile insertion module reveals

a tile in a sidebar configured to host the tile within the user interface, wherein the sidebar includes a plurality of tiles corresponding to a plurality of applications.

33.   (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising a restoration module for restoring the application through the use of the tile.

34.   (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising special controls for allowing removal of the application from the sidebar.

35.   (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising sidebar controls for hiding a taskbar application button, an alt-tab entry, and an application window upon receiving the minimize command.

36.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31, further comprising a fly-out menu for providing access to the one or more selected interactive features displayed in the tile.